

How to register :

For more information on your school's specific after-school offerings and to print off an enrollment packet, visit www.dcps.dc.gov and click "Beyond the Classroom," then "Afterschool Programs." You may also get in contact with your afterschool coordinator by calling or visiting your school's main office.

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The DCPS Afterschool Program

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What are DCPS Afterschool Programs?

DCPS afterschool programs are run by trained, **full-time coordinators** and staffed by DCPS teachers and aides. In addition, many carefully vetted **community** based organizations and **neighborhood** based organizations partner with schools to offer students a wide variety of activities. In 2010-2011, all afterschool programs will also be providing students **supper** at no cost to parents. Though programs are tailored by grade level and school, all programs emphasize **academics, enrichment and wellness**.



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The Value of Afterschool Programs

In America, most children spend only **one fifth** of their waking hours in school. DCPS is committed to extending opportunities for students to learn and grow beyond the traditional school day.

At the elementary and middle school levels, the DCPS Afterschool Program kicks off each afternoon with an **academic power hour** or **academic club**. The DCPS Afterschool Program is associated with significantly higher reading and math scores at the elementary school level, and large positive effects on grade point average at the middle school level.

The DCPS Afterschool Program also allows students to engage in recreational sports, service-learning opportunities, field trips, and more. Studies link afterschool participation with improved **self-confidence**, social skills, community involvement, health and fiscal responsibility.

The afternoon can be a dangerous time for unsupervised children. **Juvenile crime** and experimentation with drugs and sex peak between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. each day. Afterschool programs provide an alternative. Adolescents who participate in afterschool programs are less likely to be involved in crime and are three times less likely to use drugs. High quality afterschool programming not only keeps students in a safe environment each afternoon, but also replaces negative influences with positive ones.

By the Numbers:

26

Students who attend just one hour of academic after-school programming every day gain the equivalent of 26 days of learning time.

16,000

Approximately one third of all DCPS students, or 16,000 children in grades K-12 have been served by afterschool programs. Nearly 50 percent of elementary school students are enrolled.

98

In a parent survey conducted during the 2009-2010 school year, 98% of respondents said they are satisfied with the DCPS Afterschool Program.